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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PGOV,GW, WB, BQG

SUBJECT: GDR EFFECTS SEPARATE LISTING OF WEST BERLIN  
IN OFFICIAL UN PUBLICATIONS

REFS: (A) USUN 2645 (NOTAL)

(B) VIENNA 7600

(C) GENEVA 7058 (NOTAL)

(D) BONN 12387

BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING TO THE FRG, THE GDR HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LISTING OF WEST BERLIN INSTITUTIONS APART FROM THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN TWO UN DOCUMENTS. FRG UN MISSION HAS RECEIVED DISCOURAGING RESPONSE IN DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER WITH A SENIOR UN SOCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AND INTENDS TO RAISE THE ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY. FRG MISSION ALSO PLANS TO BRIEF THE ALLIED MISSIONS AND MAY SEEK  
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THEIR SUPPORT IN ITS ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT THE SEPARATE LISTING DOES NOT BECOME A PRACTICE. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE USUN TO SUPPORT FRG EFFORTS AT UN. END SUMMARY

1. AT AUGUST 26 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (VON BRAUNMUEHL) REPORTED ON TWO SEPARATE INSTANCES IN

WHICH WEST BERLIN INSTITUTIONS WERE LISTED, APPARENTLY AT GDR INSTIGATION, SEPARATELY FROM THE FRG IN OFFICIAL UN PUBLICATIONS. IN THE FIRST, THE SECRETARIAT (CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS) ORIGINALLY LISTED TWO WEST BERLIN INSTITUTIONS IN ITS "INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORY OF ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH THE AGEING" (DOCUMENT ST/ESA/63) UNDER THE COUNTRY HEADING, "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY". A CORRIGENDUM WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ISSUED IN JULY, 1977 TO CHANGE THAT HEADING TO READ "BERLIN (WEST)". SINCE THE ONLY TWO WEST GERMAN INSTITUTIONS LISTED ARE LOCATED IN WEST BERLIN, THE HEADING "FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY" WAS DELETED ALTOGETHER.

2. IN THE SECOND DOCUMENT, A SECRETARIAT-PUBLISHED LIST OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES ON THE PROBLEMS OF YOUTH, "BERLIN (WEST)" IS LISTED AS A SEPARATE ENTITY AFTER "BELGIUM" AND BEFORE "BOLIVIA". THE HEADING FOR THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC IN THIS ALPHABETICAL LIST FALLS UNDER "F".

3. THE UN OFFICIALS IMMEDIATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLICATION OF BOTH DOCUMENTS ARE AMERICAN CITIZENS. IN AN INITIAL TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH THE FRG UN MISSION, ONE OF THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS POINTED OUT THAT A CORRIGENDUM HAD BEEN ISSUED, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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FURTHER VOLUNTEERED THAT THIS HAD BEEN DONE IN RESPONSE TO A GDR COMPLAINT. THE FRG MISSION THUS CONCLUDED THAT SHE WAS UNAWARE OF THE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF

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HER ACTIONS.

4. VON BRAUNMUEHL REPORTED THAT THE FRG UN MISSION HAS DISCUSSED THE LISTINGS WITH MR. DESMOND, A SENIOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS OFFICER AT THE UN. DESMOND MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT A CORRIGENDUM TO THE CORRIGENDUM WOULD BE ISSUED. ON ACCOUNT OF THIS DISCOURAGING RESPONSE, THE FRG MISSION INTENDS TO RAISE THE ISSUE INFORMALLY WITH LEGAL COUNSEL SUY UPON HIS RETURN TO THE UN. VON BRAUNMUEHL NOTED THAT SUY HAD BEEN HELPFUL IN THE PAST IN SUCH CASES. HE ADDED THAT THE FRG UN MISSION WOULD PROVIDE THE THREE ALLIED UN MISSIONS WITH FURTHER DETAILS ON THE MATTER.

5. COMMENT: REF D SKETCHES SOME OF THE HISTORY OF THE CONFIDENTIAL

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RECURRING PROBLEM OF THE DESIGNATION OF BERLIN. AS NOTED BY REFS A AND B, UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY HAS BEEN HELPFUL AND SYMPATHETIC AND IT APPEARS TO US THAT AN APPROACH TO HIM ON THIS MATTER WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. BOTH BECAUSE OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS ARE INVOLVED AND BECAUSE THE DESIGNATION CONCERNS WEST BERLIN RATHER THAN EAST BERLIN WE CONSIDER THE ISSUE IN THIS CASE TO BE MUCH MORE SERIOUS THAN THE ONE INVOLVING THE ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE.

6. COPIES OF DOCUMENTS PROVIDED US BY FRG ARE BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT AND USUN.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE USUN TO SUPPORT FRG EFFORTS AT UN.  
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